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## *Assignment*

WHEREAS, I, **HOWARD M. KINGSTON**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 680 Union Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229, has invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED IN-PROCESS, ISOTOPE DILUTION THRESHOLD AND QUANTITATION MEASUREMENT MASS SPECTROMETRY** for which I filed application Serial No. 10/004,627 having a filing date of December 4, 2001.

AND WHEREAS, **METARA, INC.**, a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 1225 E. Arques Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94085, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration paid to me by said Assignee, receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, I do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States of America and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof including all priority rights under the International Convention associated therewith for each country and the Union, said Assignee to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment not been made.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. I covenant that I am the lawful owner of the said application, inventions, and improvements, that the same are unencumbered, that no license has been granted to make, use, or vend the said inventions or improvements or any of them, and that I have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I agree that I will communicate to said Assignee or the representatives thereof any facts known to me respecting said inventions and improvements, and will, upon request, but without expense to me, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue, continuation, renewal, and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said Assignee or by counsel for said Assignee, to assist or enable said Assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said Assignee.

EXECUTED this 27 day of March, 2002.

Dr. Howard M. Kingston (SEAL)  
Howard M. Kingston

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Before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, personally appeared **Howard M. Kingston**, to me personally known to be the person who is described in and who executed the above instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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State of California

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On March 27 2002, before me, Earl L. Wilkins

Date

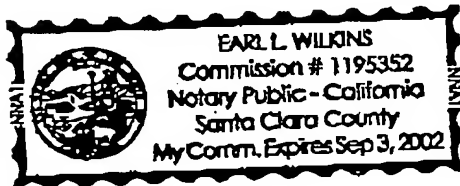
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